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1. Early in March 1950 the Canton Military Control Commission sent YEH Tung (葉東) and SHEN P'an (沈?) to Hong Kong to purchase 2,000,000 gallons of gasoline from the Asiatic Petroleum Company and the Texas Company. The first shipment of 3,000 50-gallon drums was to have left Hong Kong for Canton about 13 March in two lots:
 - a. Lot One, 2,000 gallons, traveling via Shihchi (113-22, 22-30) and Macao, handled by Ta Te (大德) Transportation Company, Canton.
 - b. Lot Two, 1,000 gallons, traveling from Shenchuan (114-08, 22-32) via the Taiping (113-41, 22-49 ?) highway, handled by the South Asia Transportation Company, 131 Des Voeux Road, Hong Kong.
2. On 18 March 3,500 55-gallon drums of gasoline and lubricating oil arrived in Canton from Hong Kong via Macao. On 19 March the shipment was forwarded to Changsha by rail.*

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Comment. This may be the same shipment described in paragraph 1.

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